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Mendel unhappy with resignation

University said law required action

BY MATTIAS KAREN
Herald reporter

As faculty members cast their vote for the new faculty regent today for the second time in two months, psychology Professor Ray Mendel will be sitting in his office.

And even though life, as Mendel

says, "has to go on," he can't help but question the circumstances that made him resign last month from the position he held for six years.

When Mendel stepped down from his post, two weeks after he was elected for his third term, it was because a state statute says no regent's relative can be employed by the institution where he or she serves. Mendel's wife, Colleen, is executive director of Training and Technical Assistance Services, where she collects federal grants for the university.

But Mendel said the board had

known about the statute for three years and had never shown interest in enforcing it.

Mendel pointed out personal differences with General Counsel Deborah Wilkins as the reason he had to resign.

"I think that (Wilkins) is the one that drove this effort," he said, adding that he has "had a history of butting heads" with the attorney during his time as a regent.

Wilkins could not be reached for comment. She did not return phone calls yesterday. But President Gary

Ransdell said the decision had little to do with the university's attorney.

"(Wilkins) didn't create the Kentucky statute regarding conflict of interest," he said, "and she didn't create the success that Colleen has had, and she didn't create the marriage between Ray and Colleen."

According to a financial audit that was released Nov. 18 by Baird, Kurtz and "Dobson," a Bowling Green accounting firm, Western could have to reimburse Colleen Mendel's



Ray Mendel,
former regent

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Alarm policy changing

BGFD would respond to all alarms

Dorm directors can reset alarms

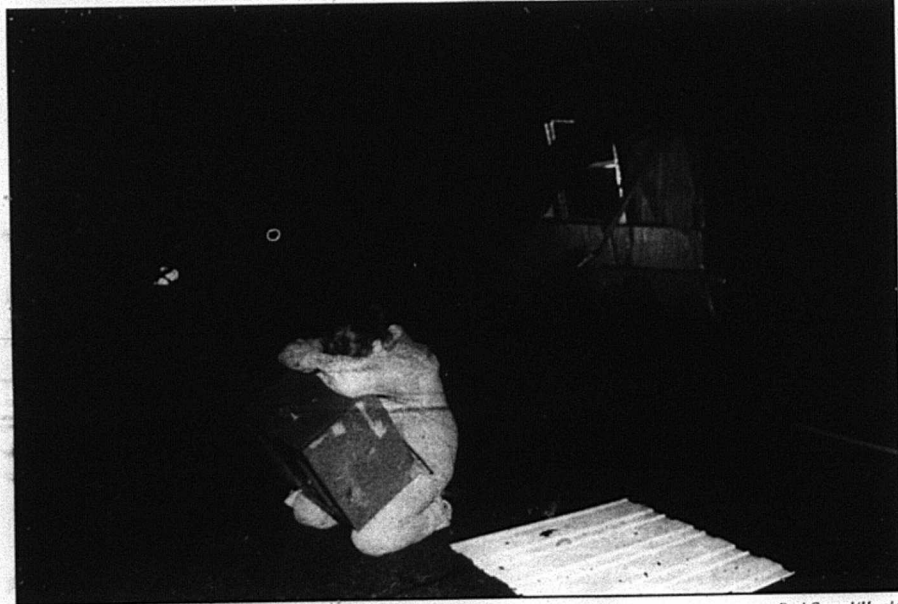
BY ERIN WILKINS
Herald reporter

If a new plan proposed by Western and the Bowling Green Fire Department is approved, fire trucks will be immediately dispatched to all dorm fire alarms.

Under the current policy, the fire department is not called unless campus police feel it is necessary or if smoke is visible. With the proposed plan, fire departments will be contacted as soon as an alarm in a dorm is activated, allowing firefighters to arrive at the scene within minutes.

Brian Kuster, executive director of Housing and Residence Life, said he and other Western officials have met with the Bowling Green Fire Department and worked out an agreement on the proposed plan. He said the plan will be implemented as soon as it is approved by the city attorney.

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Paul Conrad/Herald

Harsh reality: Kathy McKee, a Bowling Green resident and Western employee, grieves after her mobile home was destroyed by fierce winds which toppled a large tree Sunday evening, cutting her home in half. There were no injuries and no one was home at the time of the accident. McKee was left homeless.

Western grad's trio releases album

Alumnus found love for music on Hill

BY SCHERI SMITH
Herald reporter

Chuck Lawson may not look like a rock star.

His pants aren't tight leather. His hair is long, but it's not the ol' '80s hair band cliché.

Even though he may not be as snazzy as Mick Jagger or as outrageous as David Lee Roth, Lawson said he knows he can jam with the best of them.

And jamming, according to him, is what he does best.

Lawson, a 1983 Western alumnus, is the lead singer of the Chuck Lawson Trio. The acoustic group, which formed in 1996 and is based in Franklin, has rocked its way into its first album. "Make Believe You Love Me."

He is among a list of Hilltoppers who have ventured into the music industry. Others include 1950s sen-

sation the Hilltoppers, and the newly born Nappy Roots.

Lawson said his album is more than just 11 tracks of his work. To him, it expresses his deepest emotions dealing with life observations and the death of his father.

"I wish he could see me now," Lawson said. "I wouldn't have gotten to where I am without him."

The 38-year-old, native of Louisville began expressing himself through music when he was 3-years-old. It wasn't until his junior year at Western that Lawson began to realize he was composing music in his head all the time. Other people think in words, Lawson thinks in song. When the music in his head was too loud to hold in, he changed his major from commercial art to music.

But the singer/songwriter ran into some financial troubles that year. So former music Professor Edward Pease stepped in to help. Doing odd jobs around Pease's home and working at fast food restaurants kept Lawson afloat financially.

There were more professors who played to his musical ear.

David "Doc" Livingston, a former music theory and composition professor, was one of them. Livingston, retired since 1992, still calls on Lawson to play with his band.

"I consider him a dear friend," Livingston said. "He has a serious talent."

After graduation, Lawson became a music teacher. He worked as band director in Sumner County, Tenn., and in Heath County, teaching grades six through 12. He found teaching to be fun, yet Lawson still couldn't silence the music in his head. Five years later, he quit teaching to devote all his time to his musical career.

"I consider myself to be successful because I'm doing what I want to," Lawson said. "If I ever quit, it would be like a cancer slowly eating my body."

What keeps him hopping in the music scene?

Lawson said it's all about being in touch with your feelings and realizing what it is you really want to do. Because he knows what he wants to do, Lawson said he stays

humble.

The glitz and glamour normally associated with the music scene are superficial, he explained. In order to get that finished product, it takes time and energy.

"There is an unexplainable amount of work involved with what I do," he said. "It's not for celebrity status or star dust."

"It's because I love it," Trio member Triscilla Harding, a vocalist and hand percussionist, said attitude and humor keep Lawson going.

Attitude keeps him dedicated. Creative drive keeps him inspired.

Not only does Lawson write, compose and arrange the vocals for the trio, but he also opened parent-company Ace Music and Quantum Records located in Franklin. He books all the gigs and parties where the group is featured and is hoping to one day open for a big-name band.

With his influences ranging from Jimmy Buffet to Ray Charles, Lawson said he hopes to

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INSIDE

Roe vs. Wade turns 26

The 1973 decision legalizing abortion has changed the rules of sex. Its impact glides by college students, experts say. For details on how clinics, sociologists and students handle the issue, see Page 9.

Western set for rival La Tech

The Lady Toppers will take the floor for the biggest game of the season against No. 4 La Tech. The two Sun Belt Conference rivals play at 7 p.m. Saturday in Diddle Arena. The game ended in whirlwind fashion last year, but Western could be short-handed because of injury Saturday. Page 13



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Weather forecast

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S: 50°/56°, cloudy
M: 39°/47°, cloudy

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• Owensboro

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S: 50°/56°, cloudy
M: 39°/47°, cloudy

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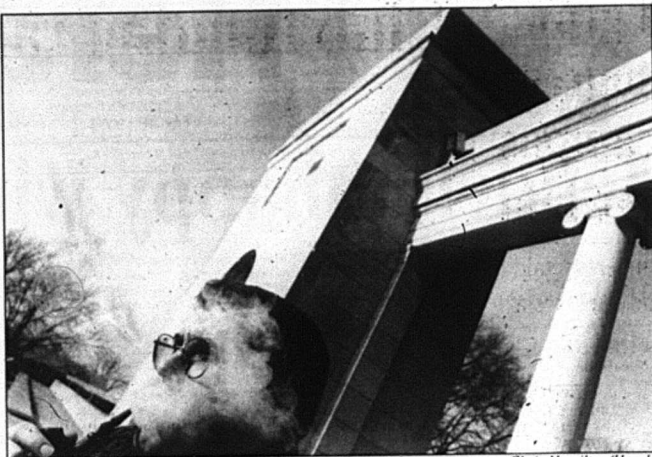
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F: 54°/58°, storms
S: 40°/48°, windy
M: 38°/53°, cloudy

• Nashville

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S: 49°/55°, cloudy
M: 34°/50°, sunny

• Lexington

R: 45°/60°, rain
F: 53°/59°, stormy
S: 51°/56°, cloudy
M: 34°/49°, cloudy



Chris Hamilton/Herald

Blowin' smoke: Bremen senior Bill Fortney relaxes and smokes his pipe in front of the amphitheater Wednesday afternoon. Fortney said he recently started smoking a pipe after being a cigar smoker because he likes the flavor and smell better.

Crime Reports

Arrests

◆ Patrick Brian Deperrieu, Keen Hall, was charged Jan. 14 with possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, DUI, disregarding a traffic control device and refusing a chemical test. He was

released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Joshua Addison Price, Barnes-Campbell Hall, was charged Jan. 14 with alcohol intoxication. He was released from the Warren County

Regional Jail the same day on time served.

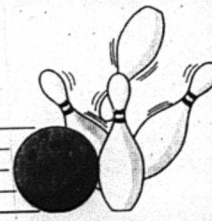
◆ Todd Sterling White, Carson Bridge Road, was charged Jan. 14 with alcohol intoxication. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

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Net grows as source of campus crime info

Western lagging behind latest trend

BY ERIN WILKINS
Herald reporter

Colleges and universities in this region and around the country are experimenting with a new concept that is greatly affecting the accessibility of their campus crime reports.

Campus police officers are now posting reports on the Internet, making campus crimes news around the world. But Western is not joining in on the new fad. Yet.

While Western, like many other schools, has a link on its web site for campus police, it does not post campus arrests and reports on the site.

Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace said the Western page is still relatively new, and campus police do not have the manpower right now to maintain a daily listing of campus arrests and reports.

"It requires a lot of personnel and hours, and we are pretty busy right now," Wallace said.

Western's public safety web site currently has listings of crime statistics, information about parking and crime prevention programs, and online confidential crime reporting.

Wallace said most of the work done on the web page occurs in the summer months, when the department is not as busy. He said the department is still careful to make sure the public is aware of any safety issues in the community.

"Anytime we have unusual occurrences, we make sure we utilize the newspapers and other means to keep the public informed," he said.

Posting information on the Internet is not normally utilized by city police departments, but campus police have found it to be helpful. Universities such as Middle Tennessee State University, University of Virginia, and University of Louisville all post campus crime on the Internet.

U of L's public safety department is the only campus police unit in Kentucky to post arrests and reports on campus on the web. The department updates its reports almost daily.

Capt. Rick Brown of the U of L police said the department has been posting the reports and arrests for about a year.

"The community should know what is going on, it is all public information and the public has a right to know," Brown said.

He said the community has come to expect the Internet posting, and he tries to keep the web site as current as possible.

"By putting this information on the web, we give it worldwide exposure — we have nothing to hide," he said.

Wallace said Western has nothing to hide either. He expects for Western to one day post its reports on the web site, but he has no time line.

Club funding raises tricky issues

BY MATT PEDIGO
Herald reporter

Across the nation, fed-up student organizations, unhappy because their mandatory student fee money is being spent on groups they oppose, are raising Cain.

University of Wisconsin's Christian student organizations sued their university — and won. Miami University students sued their school for additional funding, claiming school funding policies discriminated against religious groups.

Such occurrences have raised concern nationwide. Could Western be the next school drawn into this growing national controversy?

"To my knowledge, we've never had students complain about this," General Counsel Deborah Wilkins said. "I would hope that if a group had a problem, they would work it out with the (Student Government Association). Certainly I would help if asked, but I don't think it's appropriate for the administration to tell the SGA how to spend their money."

An August 1998 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision — affecting Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin — said that "forcing objecting students to fund private organizations which engage in political ideological activities violates the First Amendment."

Wilkins offered an analysis of the decision.

"Our federal government allocates money for many causes that, if given a choice, many people wouldn't

accept," Wilkins said of the decision. "But what the majority want isn't always what's best for the community. If we went by majority rule in the 1960s, we'd still have segregation."

Funded by Western's mandatory student fees, SGA's \$41,993 annual budget includes \$6,200 to offer qualified student groups.

SGA members say they have never had major problems dividing the money, and they don't anticipate future problems.

To receive funding from SGA, a group must complete an application which asks the group's size, plans for spending the money, and its benefits to the university. Group members are then interviewed by SGA's Organizational Aid Committee and voted on by the student congress.

"We try to be as impartial as we can," said Shelbyville junior Matt Bastin, vice president for administration. "The amount given to student groups used to be about \$200. A lot more groups have applied this year, so we've had to distribute the money more evenly."

SGA distributes annually between \$100 and \$215 each to 41 student groups.

"They do have to be a certified student group to receive funding," Bastin said.

President Stephanie Cosby said SGA's system of choosing which organizations get money is fair and unbiased.

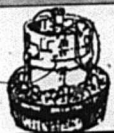
"Any group can apply," Cosby said. "We don't generally turn anyone down."

How the SGA supports certain organizations...

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| Residence Hall Association..... | \$205 | Psi Chi..... | \$155 |
| Free the Planet..... | \$195 | Sociology Club..... | \$155 |
| Peers Encouraging Responsible Choices..... | \$195 | American Society of Mechanical Engineers..... | \$155 |
| Spirit Masters..... | \$195 | Association of Undergraduate Geneticists..... | \$155 |
| Public Relations Student Society of America..... | \$195 | Health Occupations Students of America..... | \$155 |
| Campus Crusade for Christ..... | \$185 | College Republicans..... | \$145 |
| International Association of Business Communicators..... | \$180 | Kappa Alpha Psi..... | \$130 |
| Phi Beta Lambda..... | \$180 | Central Hall Government..... | \$125 |
| Amazing Tones of Joy..... | \$180 | Jewish Student Organization..... | \$125 |
| American Marketing Association..... | \$180 | Gamma Sigma Sigma..... | \$125 |
| Phi Upsilon Omicron..... | \$175 | Student Council for Exceptional Children..... | \$125 |
| WKU Athletics..... | \$165 | Gilbert Hall Government..... | \$125 |
| WKU Topperettes..... | \$165 | Rodes Harlin Hall Government..... | \$125 |
| WKU Cheerleaders..... | \$165 | Sisters with Voices..... | \$125 |
| WKU Cycling Team..... | \$165 | Association of Resident Assistants..... | \$100 |
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Opinion

Make certain uninsured win in privatization

Welcome one, welcome all! Western Kentucky University presents "Health or Consequences," the game where (at first glance) everyone wins!

Behind curtain No. 1 is President Gary Ransdell's proposal to privatize the Student Health Service. Just gaze upon the prospect of extended hours, services for faculty (who currently can't use the service), and better staff and facilities that Ransdell says a private company could give us.

This sounds like a very healthy move, and we're all for it.

It only looks better when you consider what's behind curtain No. 2: the current clinic, a cramped corridor with limited, inconvenient hours and services not available to faculty or Western's neighbors.

A private company could drastically improve it all, at a profit to the university.

Too good to be true? You bet. There's a little fine print on the prize.

If you're not insured, you can't get health care at a private clinic. If you could afford even the most bare-bones health plan, it would still cost you more than it does now for a walk-in clinic visit.

Now, hands on buzzers please! We suggest students ditch both buzzers and demand a chance at the bonus round.

Though its prize is yet undetermined, we think if uninsured students intelligently make their voices known, the university should be able to offer them the prize of affordable health insurance — the same way they insure faculty and staff.

Ransdell seems open to the interests of poor students. With pressure from the uninsured, he could stay that way.

We can have the best of both worlds: privatization and universal health care on the Hill.

It's a fact: privatization is profitable. We've seen Western's food services evolve from a money-draining university operation to a money-making enterprise with more dining selections.

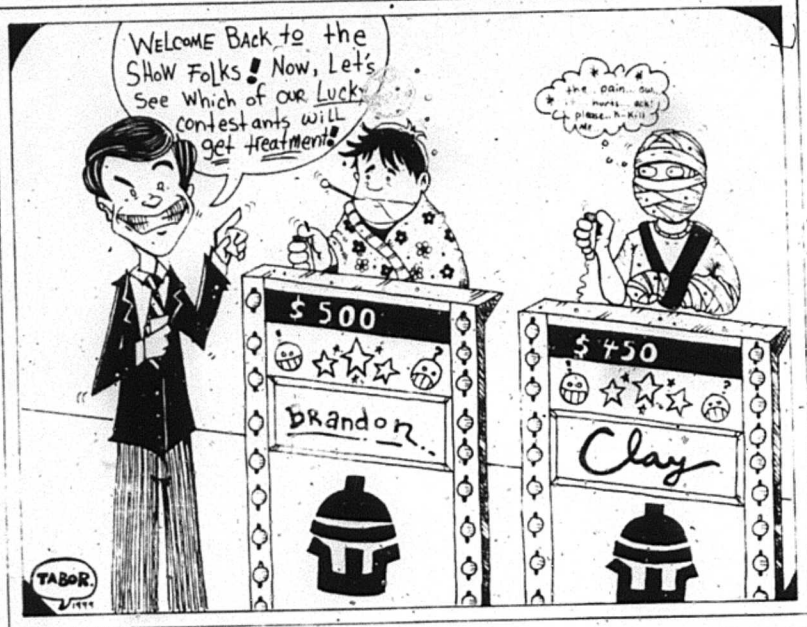
Facilities Management is also becoming a more efficient agency as a private one, and we're finally dusting off much-needed campus repair projects.

We only hope that if the health service does "go private," Western will build on the advantage we already have with a campus clinic: a group of doctors and nurses close to home that knows a poor student when it sees one.

By adding faculty and staff as possible patients, we hope they add enough staff correspondingly for the benefit of all who tread the Hill.

With ingenuity, we think a private company can do that.

The issue: Western's Student Health Service may soon be privatized.
Our view: Going private is profitable if uninsured students are provided for.



Fraternity brothers better dry than dead

When I read Molly Harper's well-written article in the Herald, "Frats split on dry issue," (Jan. 12), I knew I had to write something regarding this issue.

Responsibility toward each other is one of the things we owe each other. Webster defines responsible as "able to distinguish between right and wrong and to think and act rationally."

It is time now to join other universities and have our fraternity houses become dry, too.

During our lifetime, we will all take risks of varying degrees. For example, will our major course of study be satisfying and fulfilling for a lifetime? Will we marry the right person the first or second time?

Some of us will risk money by becoming entrepreneurs, or perhaps we will invest in the stock market or real estate. Each of these risks will have a reward for success and a price for failure.

Thus, if we should see failure looming on the horizon as an absolute reality, then we should not invest in this endeavor, but avoid it quickly. I see continuing to allow

fraternities to be wet as having those absolute realities on our horizon.

I attended college for a couple of years in the late 1970s. I am hearing the same stories about fraternities now that I heard back then.

We all hear the stories both past and present, good and bad, and wonder how it turned out so well. And how much longer the good luck will last is like sand in an hour glass.

In Harper's article, Christi-Carol

Crick, Alpha Delta Pi sorority president is quoted, "Right now it's not a big problem because nothing bad has happened, but the minute it does — watch out."

Well, the problem has happened on college campuses across the world, and we are playing roulette with our name on the wheel. We should use wisdom here by taking heed to what is going on all around us and make the fraternity houses dry before we make the commitment to do so at a memorial service or near a hospital bed of one of our own.

Dennis Waitley, the great business guru, defines wisdom as "the ability to anticipate the probable effects of your decisions in other people's lives, as well as in your own life."

We have a wonderful chance now to make fraternities dry and keep our university's name and fraternity house names out of negative memories that can last a lifetime. Now is the time to risk on the side of being dry and take hold on our future wisely.

Editor's Note: Jeff Johnson is a junior social work major from Evansville.



Jeff Johnson
commentary

Should the Student Health Service be privatized?



"No, it's hard enough to take care of other things. Having to worry about your insurance would be an even greater stress."

Heidi Williams
Freshman sophomore



"No, I don't think so. I think the price would just go up and it would be detrimental."

Aja Brown
Bowling Green sophomore



"No, I have a lot of friends that don't have money to go somewhere else."

Jamif Millard
sophomore from
Lexington, Pa.



"I disagree with public health care as a whole. I don't think anything health-related should be government-owned."

Jason Crist
Hagerstown sophomore



"Yes, I do. Anything that is not government-run generally tends to be more efficiently run."

Shaileen Bhatt
sophomore from
Stratford, Ontario

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ALARM: Residents could enter building soon after false alarm

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"There were a lot of concerns about the fire at Murray," Kuster said about the change of policy.

Richard Story, a spokesman for the Bowling Green Fire Department, said no one is really sure when the plan will be implemented.

"It could be tomorrow, it could be six months—my guess would be early to mid-February," Story said.

He said the fire department has always been in cooperation with the university.

"The department is always looking for ways to improve fire coverage," he said. "We are working with Western, and they have been working with us."

The new alarm plan also includes training directors of dorms to reset false alarms, enabling dorm residents to enter the building sooner when a false fire alarm sounds, Kuster said.

"We don't want students to be out any more than necessary, for their own health," he said. "We have totally reviewed all of our internal fire procedures—we

want to be responsive to the needs of the students."

Currently, a facilities management employee must come to the dorm to reset the alarm—which sometimes means a drive of 30 minutes when no one is on campus.

Amy Renigar, an assistant hall director at Barnes-Campbell, said that the change is positive for everyone involved.

"Any kind of safety measure we can take is important," she said. "I don't know anyone who can complain about it—especially the residents."



Campus movie schedule

Today

9 a.m. - A Perfect Murder; 11:00 - Toy Story; 12:30 p.m. - Chasing Amy; 2:30 - The Horse Whisperer; 5:30 - Happy Gilmore; 7:15 - Species 2; 9:00 - A Perfect Murder; 11:00 - Toy Story; 12:30 a.m. - Chasing Amy; 2:30 - The Horse Whisperer; 5:30 - Happy Gilmore; 7:15 - Species 2

Weekend

9 a.m. - Deep Impact; 11:15 - Space Jam; 12:45 p.m. - Godzilla; 3:15 - Toy Story; 4:45 - Small Soldiers; 6:45 - Chasing Amy; 9:00 - Deep Impact; 11:15 - Space Jam; 12:45 a.m. - Godzilla; 3:15 - Toy Story; 4:45 - Small Soldiers; 6:45 - Chasing Amy

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Nominations may be made by using the form provided below or by preparing a memorandum to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 8, 1999.

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ALBUM: Lawson excelling in recording industry



Rick Scibelli/Herald

Western alumnus Chuck Lawson spends days marketing his band, the Chuck Lawson Trio, and evenings practicing his music. The trio just produced their first album under his label, Ace Records and Quantum Music.

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bring their performing talents to the stage.

"When I'm on stage, I'm at home," he said. "The more people in the crowd the more comfortable I am."

Without the guidance from professors who cared, Lawson said he doesn't know where he would be. That's why he's begun teaching his 2-year-old daughter Natalie that music is fun. They start their week off with a music class for families. Lawson's wife of 10 years, Mia, said her husband has a gift of self-expression.

Harding agrees that Lawson has a special gift.

"I think he has an incredible ability to put into words the things he sees," she said. "It

touches people in ways you never would imagine."

But Lawson said he doesn't think he was predestined for a musical path in life. It just went that way, he said. Which is why he still finds time to explore his other creative gifts.

For example, he restored his Franklin home. He builds furniture and cabinets in his spare time. All this talent, and Lawson still said it's the creativity that drives him—and the recognition.

"Our talent is God's gift to us, what we do with it is our gift to him," he said.

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MENDEL: Ransdell appreciates regent's work, but law is law

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salary to the federal government — including a \$20 million grant that her program was awarded last year.

But since his wife is so successful, Mendel said it's hard to believe that the government would have interfered.

"The reality is that the feds have absolutely no interest in that," he said. "And while they technically, presumably could (step in), they never would, unless she wasn't rendering her services."

"But she's obviously rendering her services, because they keep giving her more and more and more grant money."

The worst part of his resignation, Mendel said, was the timing.

"To make an issue about this two weeks after I'm elected for another term puts the entire campus faculty through a ridiculous exercise with a whole other election," he said. "I'm a little distressed that the institution

has decided that they need to deal with this requirement.

"In one sense, you can say

"We don't set our standards by other institutions. We set our standards by doing the right thing and respecting the statutes."

— Gary Ransdell
President

that the law is the law, on the other hand the University of Kentucky and at least one other regional institution has a faculty regent in the same situation and they've made an intentional decision not to deal with it."

But Ransdell, who is not a voting member of the board, said that even though other universities don't follow the statute in question, Western should.

"We don't set our standards

by other institutions," he said. "We set our standards by doing the right thing and respecting the statutes."

But according to Mendel, the board is still not following all the laws. Another statute says that the university's governing body can only have one out-of-state resident serving on it.

Previously that has been Sarah Hulse. But last semester Earl Fisher moved from Owensboro to Lubbock, Texas. Fisher would not comment on whether he is planning to resign.

Ransdell, however, said that issue was a matter of interpretation. Hulse, who has homes in Florida and in Kentucky, could probably be considered a Kentucky resident, he said.

As for Mendel, Ransdell said he's sorry that he lost his regent position, but he thinks Western did the right thing.

"I think Ray put Western first," he said. "He took the high road, and I respect him for that."

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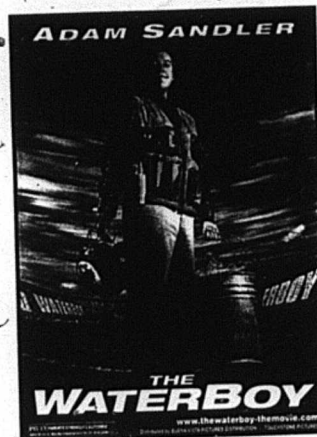
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Mary Ellen Miller, Donna Blackburn and Mike Brown answered questions from faculty members Tuesday night at a forum for faculty regent candidates.

Faculty regent candidates debate issues at Tuesday forum

Faculty will elect representative today

By MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

It may work with love, but elections don't seem to be that much fun the second time around.

For former Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller, who served from 1983 to 1987, this election stuff is old hat. Donna Blackburn, a nursing associate professor, ran for the office last semester and lost, only to find out last month that the position would be open again after psychology Professor Ray Mendel's sudden resignation.

"When I got the call from President (Gary) Ransdell about the election results, of course I was disappointed," Blackburn said. "But he told me that he hoped that I would run again. I said I would, but he never told me it would be so soon."

Tuesday's faculty forum consisted of a question and answer session between about 60 faculty members and Miller, Blackburn

and first-time candidate Mike Brown, an economics and marketing professor.

The soft-spoken Blackburn kept her answers short, but said she considers perseverance and "making lots of noise" the key to getting the Board of Regents' attention.

"The squeaky wheel gets the oil," she said. "I'd rather keep talking and keep trying than say that we're not getting anywhere, so we're not going to try. I don't like to quit when an issue means a lot to me."

While Miller agreed with "pounding and pounding at one regent after another" to persuade them, she said that gaining the fellow regents' respect, as Mendel did, was the most important part of persuading them.

"Every dog knows how to bark, but the smart dog knows when to bark," she said. "It's all about being prepared and presenting your case in a rational manner, something Ray (Mendel) was an expert at."

Brown said he considers Blackburn's concern for equal salaries among the faculty and Miller's worrying about department heads being overworked as issues beyond the board's

authority.

He said those issues and the day-to-day administering of the university are primarily the president's concern because the board is responsible for setting policy.

"We need to keep straight what is and isn't the board's affair," he said. "We're spending a lot of time on issues only marginally connected to the board."

The board is the part of an institution that should anticipate the future, Brown said. He said that sometimes boards get caught up in a campus' problems and become reactive rather than proactive. A good regent would force board members to look ahead and meet potential problems before they're out of hand, he said.

"A regent isn't a position where we want to give a gold watch for years of service," Brown said. "It's a position where they have to perform and get things done."

The Faculty Senate will host a reception for Mendel after its meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in Garrett Ballroom.

All faculty members may vote at their respective dean's office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

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SPIRIT CONTEST

ROE VS. WADE

Twenty-six years after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its controversial decision to legalize abortion, the case's impact continues to echo in the public and in personal-decision making.

STORY BY MOLLY HARPER



photo illustration by William Goodwin II

"...Roe v. Wade made it possible for the decision to be between the woman and whomever she chose to be involved. Today that decision has become a more involved ordeal."

— Kate Moore, director, Planned Parenthood

People talk about sex everywhere. By the water cooler. In dorm rooms. On playground basketball courts. But the subject of abortion we rarely touch in open spaces. Should the uterus determine a woman's fate? Who has the right to decide what's best for her body? Should a woman be allowed to end an unwanted pregnancy privately, without anyone but her physician knowing?

These are questions that the U.S. Supreme Court tried to answer 26 years ago when they decided 7-2 that Jane Roe, an anonymous Texas woman, had the right to an abortion if she chose to have one.

That decision rocked American sensibilities. Along with the release of the birth control pill, it is heralded as one of the defining moments in the so-called sexual revolution.

Frank about sex

Radcliff senior Jennifer Wade said she thinks legalized abortion hasn't changed the way people her age look at sex, but it may have made them more open to discussing it. Legalized abortion has led to an environment where people talk about sex more frankly than in the past.

"People have always had the same attitude about sex, they just haven't been as vocal about it," she said. "I think the same number of people are having premarital sex, it's just more out in the open now."

Wade thinks legal abortion has changed the way young couples handle family planning. It has given them more options to consider, she said.

"Couples who don't want kids or can't afford them have the option not to have the baby at all," she said. "Before their only option would have been adoption."

"I do think it's used too often as a form of birth control."

Brent Sherrill, a junior from Collinwood, Tenn., doesn't think it's changed the way people approach relationships — knowing it's out there doesn't necessarily mean he would use it.

"It's there if you need it," he said. "It's given us broader options to correct a mistake and some people have realized that it's a better choice than having a kid that's not wanted."

Frankfort freshman Jessica Campassi disagrees. She thinks young people have used legal abortion as an excuse or a quick fix for reckless behavior.

"It's not a solution," she said. "I don't think that it's right that people think because it's out there they can have unprotected sex and act any way they want."

Appeal from pro-lifers

Though unexpected pregnancy isn't something Tom Weakly deals with often, the director of Campus Crusade for Christ will discuss options with pregnant students and refer them to professional counselors.

"We heavily encourage those who do not want to raise the baby to put the baby up for adoption," he said. "That's a life-giving choice, both to the child and to the family that will raise it."

If an expectant mother wants to seek counseling elsewhere on campus, the Student Health Service offers a pregnancy resource sheet that directs them to Western organizations like student counseling services or local help such as the Pregnancy Support Center.

Understanding and compassion are the best ways to show that you care for people, said Don Fricks, director of the community-funded Pregnancy Support Center. He said women who come to the center often have nowhere else to turn.

Fricks and his staff offer pregnancy testing, counseling, referral services, parenting classes, direction to resources, and emotional support to expectant mothers free of charge.

He estimates that the center sees 70 to 90 clients every month, many of which are college-aged women. Fricks said the number of young women considering abortions has dropped over the years as more are recognizing the lasting effects it can have.

"The majority of college girls don't want abortions," he said. "They realize what kind of ramifications it can have on them. It's not like pulling a tooth and that's it. There are mental, physical and spiritual effects that last."

Vying for choices

If a woman decides to terminate her pregnancy, the closest available abortion clinics are in Louisville and Nashville. Abortion services aren't the sole purpose of Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee where pregnancy tests, referral services, and counseling are also available.

Planned Parenthood's director, Kate Moore said counseling rarely sways women from having an abortion.

However, with last-minute doubts and outside pressures which most clients experience, the staff still operates on the assumption that many of them will not actually come in for the procedure.

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PRISM to showcase great music, thrilling effects

BY HOLLY GODDARD
Herald reporter

It's music in motion and flashing lights, a complete sensory overload. The audience doesn't know what's coming when the lights go down and the fast-paced spectacle that follows keeps them guessing.

Western's music department will present the PRISM Concert for the fourth consecutive year at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Van Meter Auditorium. Band Director John Carmichael said the event is an

exciting alternative to traditional concert band music.

"It's one of the few concerts you will go to here at Western involving student musicians where the whole hall will rock," he said.

Several musical ensembles positioned in different locations of the performance hall will be featured in a rapid sequence of light and sound. Carmichael compared the effect to a pinball machine.

Louisville senior Aaron Cunningham, a trombone player

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who will be conducting one of the ensembles, said the concert's format will appeal to those who aren't normally attracted to a school band performance.

"If anyone on campus is

going to attend only one of our band concerts, this would be the one to attend," he said.

Though students have been working for months on some of the music that will be featured, Carmichael said the actual show is pulled together in a single rehearsal. And on Friday, not even he can say for sure what will happen.

Cunningham, who has been a PRISM participant in each of its three previous years, said the musicians have to focus to perform well because they move

around the auditorium during the show.

This continuous action surprises the audience again and again, Carmichael said.

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A bad photo can be humbling

The person you see in the picture accompanying this column is not me. I don't have a chin that goes on for miles, messed up hair, and wear shirts that look like they just walked off the set of the Howdy Doody Show.

No, on a good day my shirts look like they've surfed off the set of Magnum P.I. I wear baseball caps when I'm too lazy to comb my hair, and I hate to smile while having my picture taken. But between two photographers and me, this is the best photo we could come up with.

Just remember gang, it only takes one bad day to leave all your friends snickering behind your back. And that's what I mostly did this weekend - took cracks from friends, bemoaned my photo, sat around, and went to a bar or two.

Hopefully this weekend will be better.

Massive Caffeine

Oh, yeah. I did do something this weekend. I got a great caffeine buzz at this new little java joint right off the square downtown on Main Street. The place is called the Java House and it just opened last week. It offers up a slew of different coffee brews and the staple mochas, cups of cappuccino, and what not. Then there are, also, some cakes and cookies offered up as good eats. The soft-colored green and white walls and rustic furniture make it a definite



Brian Mains

place to chill!

So, if you've got a few minutes this coming weekend, I recommend checking the place out.

Blues and good news

Though my photo may have gotten me down, something else brought my spirits right back up. Thank you Mary. Short from Horse Cave for proving someone read this column. You have made my day.

Mary wrote in with a suggestion for what everyone can do this weekend.

She recommends heading out to Barnes & Noble Booksellers Saturday to hear Debra Heavers play.

"She has a REALLY great voice," Short said in her e-mail. "She sings all original work that she has written, and sings with a great bluesy/funk voice."

It sounds great. Most of the essential elements are there: caffeine, a laid-back atmo-

sphere, and it's free. Mary's enthusiasm in describing Heavers' style sounds like it has a definite sort of cool. You know, the cool that puts a sweat in your step. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Shakespeare in Love

Friends have told me it's great. So I'm craving it. I'm going to see "Shakespeare in Love," a romantic comedy involving the scribble of such famous plays as "Romeo and Juliet."

The movie is a fictional account about Shakespeare being a trisuit with a woman who looks like Gwyneth Paltrow. The plot is supposed to restore what goes on in "Romeo and Juliet" with the lesson that "love can conquer all" added in.

I guess that does it for some guys, you know, meeting a beautiful woman and watching her play.

My sorry self will probably see it with buds, but I heard some people out there have someone who cares. So grab your honey and go.

Hollywood 27 at 700 Oaks Mall in Nashville is showing the flick at 7:55 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. for the late shows this week.

The theater is located at 719 Thompson Lane in Nashville. If that doesn't help, you can call 1-615-298-3445 and get directions.

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Rushees seek a sense of being

By JUSTIN M. ESLINGER
Herald reporter

Throw in some free pizza, a liberal dose of foosball and a couple hundred new names, and you have this year's spring fraternity Rush.

Every semester Rush activities allow possible members to see the sights and sounds of Greek life.

One of the biggest draws to Rush is the opportunity to make new friends.

"You meet so many people," Madisonville freshman Dan Riley said. "I like being around people a lot, it's a part of my personality."

Hartford junior Kyle Shrewsbury, of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said a rushee may meet over 500 people in one week.

Many Western students are

exploring the Greek system not just to meet new people, but to find a sense of belonging. Between the finger sandwiches and the games of Centipede, rushees are looking at the fraternities as a new family.

"We have a lot of young guys that are just starting college, and they are just looking for somewhere to feel accepted and feel something that is bigger than themselves," said Owensboro senior John Hurm, a Pike.

Many rushees say they feel pressure to join a fraternity, including Riley.

"I've been told whatever you do, get in a frat," he said.

But others say the time constraints are the biggest pressures.

"Tonight I've got to go to five houses, and tomorrow six, all in three hours," Elkton sophomore Brandon Griffey said.

For the three hours, fraternities schedule macho events. There's pizza night, ladies night, University of Kentucky basketball night and even Hooter's night at the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

"The women run around the house with big boobs," said Hartman junior David White, a Lambda Chi. "The whole point is to get guys here. If we got them over here and they can see what we offer."

But rushees waded through peer pressures and chicken wings served by half-naked women because they realize that rushing is an important decision for them.

Freshman John Paul DeVerina, of Long Island, N.Y., explained why.

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News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

Lead Stories

• An October Los Angeles Times story described the coming-of-age ritual in the Efik community of Nigeria, in which young girls endure several weeks in "fattening rooms," in which they are intensively overfed and underexercised so that they avoid the stigma of being thin, which to potential suitors indicates sickness and infertility. "Beauty is in the weight," said a 50-year-old mother who was herself sent to a fattening room at age 7. Said a village chief, "People might laugh at (parents who) didn't have money to allow (their) children to pass through this rite of passage."

• In October, the New York Times reported on the emerging mental health condition of "uplift" anxiety, which describes problems incurred by some Prozac users who become unsettled at their newfound happiness. Such people typically grieve for their former selves because, in the words of a writer who has overcome depression, "The most fundamental aspect of yourself (unhappiness) has been ripped away."

• A parental pamphlet on coping with marijuana use by kids, written by a Utah criminology professor and recommended by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, identifies as a warning sign of abuse use "excessive preoccupation with social issues, race relations, environmental issues, etc." (Also mentioned, according to an October Washington Post report, were more traditional telltale signs such as staying out all night, needing more money, and showing an interest in Ras Tafari religion.)

• In November, after French surgeons had grafted an arm and a hand on a man, prominent Italian plastic surgeon Nicolo Scuderi announced that he was ready to perform the world's first penis transplant and in fact had three potential patients. Scuderi said the operation would be less complicated than a reattachment although he was not sure all penile functions would be effective. He said his initial operations would be on transsexual women seeking to become men and not merely on men who seek larger genitals.

Least Competent Criminal

Jason "Buck" Christenson was charged with robbery in

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Greenwood 6

Gloria — (F) 7, 9:25, (S&S) 2, 4:25, 7, 9:25

A Civil Action — (F) 7:10, 9:35, (S&S) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35

The Prince of Egypt — (F) 7:10, 9:25, (S&S) 1:30, 4:10, 9:25

A Thin Red Line — (F) 8:30, (S&S) 1:30, 5, 8:30

A Bug's Life — (F) 7:05, 9:30, (S&S) 1:30, 4:10, 9:30

Ratch Adams — (F) 7, 9:40, (S&S) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40

Plaza 6

Stepmom — (F) 7:10, 9:50, (S&S) 1:35, 7:10, 9:50

In Dreams — (F) 7:15, 9:35, (S&S) 2, 4:20

7:15, 9:35

At First Sight — (F) 7, 9:45, (S&S) 1:15, 4:10, 7, 9:45

You've Got Mail — (F) 7, (S&S) 1, 4, 7

Virus — (F) 6:45, 9, (S&S) 1:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9

Varsity Blues — (F) 7:25, 9:40, (S&S) 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40

Martin Twin Theatre

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer — (F) 7, (Sat.) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15, (Sun.) 1:30, 4, 7

John Carpenter's Vampires — (F) 7:15, (Sat.) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35, (Sun.) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15

DUC Theatre

Waterboy — 7

Rock Island, Ill., in August, and, like many of the criminals whose exploits grace this page, he was not difficult to catch.

According to police, Christenson stopped at a Mother Hubbard's convenience store and asked whether they were still selling beer. About 10 minutes later, he re-entered the store wearing a ski mask and holding a paper bag over his hand, demanding money from the clerk. The clerk said,

"Buck, I know it's you." According to police, Christenson removes his mask in disgust, threw the paper bag on the counter, and walked out.

A few minutes later, based on the identification by the clerk, a police officer called Christenson at home and convinced him to come back to Mother Hubbard's, where he was arrested. (Christenson told the officer the incident was a joke.)

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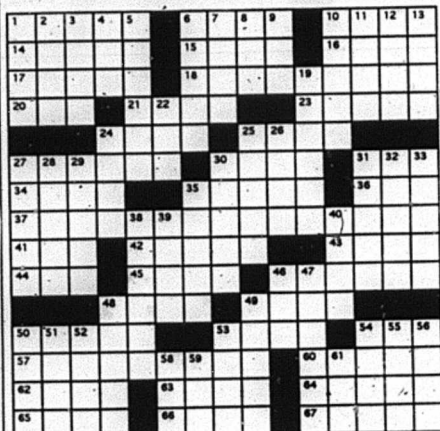
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Across

1. Fulton's power
6. Carry-on baggage
10. Fades
14. Crown
15. Make smooth
16. Musical number
17. Goose genus
18. Ship's ramp
20. Thus far
21. Dance
23. Start of a counting rhyme
24. Word with root or Miller's
25. Cuatro minus uno
27. Amusement park structure
30. Become liquid
31. Deciduous tree
34. Bellow
35. Deist
36. Louis XV or Louis XVI
37. Begin the entertainment
41. Sea denizen
42. TV's Green (1965-71)
43. Floundering
44. Give it a go
45. Followers of a vowel
46. Tends the lawn
48. Hostile ones
49. Long-running Broadway play
50. Bitter
53. Slangy opposite of 4 Down
54. Diminish
57. Showing affection to
60. Parent
62. Magazine title
63. Actress Louise
64. Bearded gift-giver
65. Scottish weather conditions
66. Landing place
67. Item that pops up, when ready

Down

1. Stick around
2. Utensil part
3. From Libya to Egypt
4. Common verb
5. Defaced
6. Tony, of cereal fame
7. Expressed

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8. Not turned over
9. Official lang. of Zimbabwe
10. Evans and others
11. U. N. member
12. Thigh-length garb
13. Benefit
19. Runt
22. Oxford width
24. Island east of Java
25. ... all, folks!
26. Abnormal redness
27. Thing of value
28. Assessor
29. Part of a funny trio
30. Cone-shaped shelter
31. Obsolete
32. Recluse
33. Fabled king
35. Part of Ms. Muffet's lunch
38. Barbecued favorites: var.
39. ... homo, religious image
40. Wooden sticks
46. Slickly looking
47. Take an oath
48. Unties
49. Cuban export
50. Book before Romans
51. First lady's first son
52. Columnist Bombeck
53. Murray or Buxley
54. St. Vincent Millay
55. Vegas transactions
56. Unruly youngster
58. Brand of engine additive
59. Cube root of XXVII
61. Vientiane resident

Answer to last week's puzzle:



ABORTION: 26-year-old decision still resonates

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"We have about a 50 percent no-show rate," she said. "About half of them call and cancel, or we just never hear from them again."

Roe vs. Wade's lasting influence

Michael Ann Williams, faculty adviser for Women's Issues Now, was a college student when the decision was made. She said it really didn't have an effect on people's behavior, but may have changed what people were concerned about in their sex lives.

"I think that people today take safe abortions for granted," she said. "If you had come of age before that was possible you

would know what kind of horrible things could happen. (Sexually transmitted diseases) and AIDS have had more of an impact on the practice of safe sexuality in the last decade. One set of fears has been replaced by another."

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Though her clinic has never been the target of violence, Moore said just the threat of terrorism keeps people away.

"And that's unfortunate because Roe v. Wade made it possible for the decision to be between the woman and whomever she chose to be involved," she said. "Today that decision has become a more involved ordeal."

"Roe v. Wade has lost it's impact."

Sociology Professor Ann Marie Goetting said that other than making more abortions possible, the decision doesn't have many effects that linger today.

Goetting said Roe's limited ramifications are especially true in Kentucky, a state where

moral qualms keep abortion from being readily accessible to rural communities.

"I don't think it has much of effect in communities where abortions aren't available," she said. "It exists in communities that allow it to exist. For example, no physician in Rowling Green would have the courage to perform an abortion."

As for the decision's lasting effect on "Jane Roe" herself, Texas-born Norma McCorvey became a born-again Christian in 1995 and joined the pro-life group Operation Rescue. Inscribed in the National Monument for the Unborn in Chattanooga, Tenn., are her words, perhaps a sign of regret.

"I will strive, in the name of Jesus, to end this holocaust."

Sports

For Lady Tops, a chance at respect

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE
Herald reporter



Rick Scibelli/Herald

Despite an early morning practice with no-nonsense overtones, Lady Toppers head coach Steve Small found his sense of humor Wednesday in Diddle Arena. The Lady Toppers face fourth-ranked Louisiana Tech Saturday at 7 p.m. in Diddle Arena.

A faint ripple of red and white seats reflected off the glossy finish of Diddle Arena's hardwood floor. Under the electrical drone of lights and heaters, one could almost hear the whisper of a ghostly crowd — a tenuous crowd jumping to their feet as Western's women's basketball team clinched a last-second shot to upset Louisiana Tech.

That's what happened the last time the Lady Techsters (14-2-0) rolled into Bowling Green, in January 1998.

But Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore said his No. 4 team won't be looking for revenge when they return Saturday at 7 p.m. Instead, they will be trying to grasp their goal of winning the Sun Belt Conference title.

Western is a team that stands in the way of doing it, Barmore said. "That was an outstanding play, and Western played a good game last year. But that's history — this is a new day."

And a new Western team that, despite a 13-3 record (2-1), hasn't been able to collect the respect of pollsters. They haven't been ranked in any top 25 this year and are currently third in the Sun Belt, behind the Lady Techsters and Florida International.

And as Western coach Steve Small sees it,

Lady Tops vs. La Tech

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Diddle Arena

Radio (TV): The Gator, 107.1 FM

WYFF-TV (D) (day) — 10 p.m.

Records: Lady Tops (13-3, 2-1)

La Tech (14-2, 2-0)

SEE RESPECT, PAGE 14

Toppers have hope at last—ugly's never been so pretty

On this Saturday night, as glorious as it was steamy, the body heat inside that sweat-box called Diddle had never felt so good.

The excitement, the vigor, of Western men's basketball was back, and the reason for this could be summed up in one simple word.

Hope.

Finally, after three years of inexcusable, listless hoops mayhem, you can see light in these Hilltoppers. And no people can see light in a basketball program better than Kentuckians. We know a few things about tradition.

And to think that less than a month ago we were talking about how Western was The Team With No Talent, talking about how we should lower our expectations for new coach Dennis Felton. Next year, Dennis. Just keep making them work hard and keep dressing with style.

The thinking was that Felton would appear on the cover of GQ magazine before Western had a 20-win season.

Oh, how things have changed. The once-slumping Hilltoppers have won four of their last five, going from 3-8 to an almost respectable 7-9 record. Western's conference record is 3-1. You can hear whispers of a possible Hilltopper coup at the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

Crazy things, those expectations.



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

"The difference between Western this year and Western last year is that they're playing hard," said Southwestern Louisiana coach Jesse Evans, whose team topped out of Diddle Arena last Saturday with a 66-62 win. "They had great talent last year, but I just didn't think they were playing hard. They're fun to play, they get after you, they're a good college basketball team."

"We know that they're going to be tough to play. That's what it's all about."

The amazing thing about these Hilltoppers is that they continue to get better. Hadn't seen that in a while, huh? We're usually analyzing a Western swoon around this time. Now we're discussing a surge.

"We're always looking forward to practice," said senior center Rayon Farris, who has developed into quite the team leader. "We work hard, and the hard work is starting to show (on the court). That makes us

practice harder."

Felton is always babbling about how hard work is a skill. During the preseason that's all he promised. The only preseason hype that came from his mouth was that his team would work hard and play good defense. It seemed like typical coach's gibberish at the time.

Now I'm ready to proclaim Felton a motivational genius and a defensive mastermind. He has convinced his team and its entire following that scrappy play, hustle and defense is artistic.

And it is. It is the way Western plays it.

A 56-47 scoreboard has never looked this gorgeous. Defense has never been this glamorous. You feel like you should be sipping wine while watching the Toppers. "D up."

Every opponent's pass is a potential turnover.

"Lately, I think it's been a thing of beauty," said Felton, in his first year as a collegiate head coach. "Defensively and offensively, it's been beautiful."

It's an interesting style, but it's also a functional style. Western is not blessed with great offensive firepower. Its leading scorer, senior guard Joe Harney, only averages 10 points per game.

And this is an idea that is sometimes not easy to sell people

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Western still atop Sun Belt after loss

Arkansas State also part of three-way tie

BY JOHN DARR
Herald reporter

Diddle Arena wasn't as bare as expected.

Like an old friend, the thunderous chants clashed with the hardwood.

Church was back in session, and Dennis Felton was the newly-found messiah.

For the first time since 1995, Western was on top of the Sun Belt Conference, alone. In only his first season, Felton has taken the Hilltoppers (7-9) to the top of the mountain, a place no one, including his fellow conference coaches, expected him to be.

Even after a 66-62 loss to Southwestern Louisiana (8-9) last Saturday, Western hasn't fallen from the peak.

But now the Hilltoppers have some company.

The loss ended Western's four-game winning streak and dropped them to 3-1 in conference play. More importantly, it forced Western into a three-way tie for first place in the Sun Belt with the Ragin' Cajuns and Arkansas State (9-6).

"There is no reason for us to expect to win the conference," Western coach Dennis Felton said. "But there is no reason for us not to win every game."

That means Felton is looking for more than excuses when Western plays Arkansas State at 7 tonight in

Diddle.

The Indians were one of the preseason first place picks in the conference, but are now having to deal with injuries.

"We aren't looking forward to this one," Arkansas State coach Dickey Nutt said after Tuesday's practice.

Nutt lost another big man to injury Tuesday when 6-8, 235-pound senior forward Eric Beatty broke his foot in practice. Freshman forward Luis Rivas suffered the same injury earlier in the week.

Beatty was a factor in all of the Indians' victories, especially in their win over state rival Arkansas.

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Little Rock.

"This poses a big problem inside," Nutt said. "We aren't a very good rebounding team, but now we will have to become more guard-oriented."

Nutt said that Felton's team sharing the Sun Belt lead is one of the conference surprises.

"Dennis has done a marvelous job," he said. "He has gone on the road and won."

The Indians' road leads to the

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RESPECT: Injuries plaguing Lady Tops

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Louisiana Tech is also "running on all cylinders right now" after upsetting No. 2 Connecticut Monday.

"This is a game we're not supposed to win," he said.

But the Lady Toppers weren't supposed to win last year. That was before then-junior guard Katashia Witcher drove the length of the court and laid in the victory.

"All those magic moments have built up over the years," Small said.

And the Lady Toppers want Saturday's game to be remembered as one of them. They are hoping their play against Louisiana Tech will make the doubters scratch their heads.

"We deserve to be in the top 25 and be No. 1 in our conference," sophomore forward ShaRae Mansfield said. "Beating La Tech would prove it."

But Western will have to make a charge without two of its leading generals — junior guard Jaime Walz and Mansfield.

Walz partially tore the ACL in her left knee in Saturday's game against Southwestern Louisiana (1-14, 0-2), which the Lady Toppers won 73-59.

She will have to have surgery to repair the tear. Small said plans now are for Walz to finish the season wearing a brace and then undergo surgery.

Mansfield sub-located her right shoulder in the Southwestern Louisiana game. At Wednesday's practice she peddled a stationary bike and practiced shooting on the sidelines.

Assistant coach Blane Embry said Wednesday there is still a 70 to 75 percent chance Mansfield will be able to play Saturday.

She is averaging 14.4 points and 8 rebounds per game and is the Sun Belt Player of the Week. If she doesn't play, Mansfield's presence on the floor will be missed.

"We have to overlook that and go on," senior forward Shea Lunsford said. "We can't stop and cry about it."

And with Western's depth, Small is confident someone will fill the vacated roles.

Sophomore guard Jaime Britt is a likely replacement for Walz. Sophomore LaVonda Johnson and freshman Kristina Covington could also see some playing time at the guard position.

With the rivalry that exists between the two teams, which have dominated the conference for years, there is little doubt the red and white checkered reflection will disappear Saturday. Instead, swinging towels and the faces of ranting fans will flicker under the footstep of the Lady Toppers.

And maybe, just maybe, the ghostly spirit of an upset will return.

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Thornton, a transfer from Tennessee who just became eligible this month.

"Their stars were kind of shut down a bit," Western assistant coach Steve Crocker said.

The 121.5-105.5 victory extended the Hilltoppers' winning streak against Wright State to six. In the process, the men recorded new pool records in the 400 medley relay, the 200 freestyle, and the 500 freestyle.

"We thought Wright State was better than they were," senior Pete Carey said. "We beat them to death."

The Hilltoppers beat Evansville (5-3), 128-101, last night in Evansville extending their win streak against the Purple Aces to 20 meets.

The Toppers travel to Macomb, Ill., Saturday for a noon match with Western Illinois (7-4), the defending Mid-Continent Conference champion. Powell called the Leathernecks a formidable opponent. This will be Western's first meeting with Western Illinois during the regular season.

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Swim teams maintain winning stroke

Women fulfilling revenge

Someone could have warned them, but what would the fun be in that? Western's women's swim team has stalked its prey and, one by one, the teams that defeated the women last season have conveniently dived into the Lady Toppers' win column.

Wright State plunged head first into that column Saturday at the Preston Center pool and never got the chance to come up for air. The Lady Raiders (2-6) hit the pool bottom hard enough and long enough for the Lady Toppers (10-1) to float to a 125-105 victory.

"We really wanted to beat them this year because they beat us last year," sophomore Amanda Shafer said.

Shafer notched a personal best and event-winning time of 24.58 seconds in the 50 freestyle.

"We just blew them out of the water because we're so strong," she said. "They didn't show enthusiasm."

Western won 11 of 12 events led by freshman Brandi

Beckwith who broke her own school record in the 100 freestyle and then contributed to the school record-setting 400 medley relay win.

Sophomore diver Michelle Lynch recorded wins in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Lynch has not lost in dual-meet diving competition this season.

"I can't say enough about the three-meter diving," Powell said.

Wright State was the third team the Lady Toppers have avenged a loss from last season.

Evansville became the fourth last night. The 127-114 win was Western's 10th straight.

After the mid-week meet at Evansville, the women travel to Macomb, Ill., on Saturday to face the Lady Leathernecks (7-4), who are the reigning Mid-Continent Conference champions.

"We'll go into it like the other meets," Shafer said. "We expect to win."

It's been that kind of attitude that has kept both teams on the winning side. But there's still some conquering left.

With Arkansas State's front court diminished and Southwestern Louisiana's easier side of the schedule left, Western must win if they want to preserve their view from the top of the mountain.

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Time nears for dusting off gear

Decoys learn to fly in unusual winter storm

Season's end, time for gear to find its dusty corner in anticipation for the next year's opening.

It was a good season, don't you think? Since September I have gone through a can of gun oil, two pairs of socks, numerous boxes of shells, a set of tires and a box of Band Aids. I've lost 10 pounds, filled the freezer, spent hundreds of dollars, made new friends, danced with hypothermia, laughed, cussed, and learned.

One of the best stories of the year just happened last Sunday.



GRASS ROOTS
Jed Conklin

Jim Fahling, Nat Love and myself were planning a goose hunt for Monday so we left out the decoys overnight. Then a big storm hit and our plastic impostors learned to fly. After I found my last decoy, I was more than two miles from its original resting place. I lost four decoys, not bad for the distance their first flight took them.

Now is time for rest, time to buckle down on the new semester, and time to get out the spring gear. Winter has been mild and spring is not too far away.

I hope all of you got something out of my column this season, maybe learned some tips or found a new place. This semester is going to be great for the column. Grass Roots will be taking a new turn with an almost feature-style twist at times, including pictures and interviews.

I have a few fresh ideas that I think will get more people involved with the column and the outdoors.

I want some reader feedback on the column. What do you want to see? Is there a story you are dying to tell? Is there an activity you want to read about? Do you know of a place where you can go to get away from it all? Is there something you don't like about anything to do with the column or the outdoors?

You are the readers and the ones that keep the column alive. This is for all of you, so don't you need to be involved in what goes on?

The season was good. Let's make the next one great.

While I bring down the camping, hiking and canoeing equipment, along with the turkey hunting gear, room is made for winter's insulated threads. New places come to mind, untouched adventures are just within reach. Spring starts new adventures to faraway lands as well as your favorite spot to watch a warming sunset.

So dust spring's gear without erasing last year's memories, but create a new resting place — one for this year's adventures.

You can contact me with ideas or opinions at the Herald office, 745-6291, or my e-mail, Jed4UN99@aol.com.

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Western sets records at UK

Track teams bust three school records

By RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

As sophomore runner Valerie Lynch pounded her sneakers around the University of Kentucky's track on Saturday, she realized she had a problem.

One of her shoes was coming off — right in the middle of her 3000-meter race.

"It came really loose on one of the turns," Lynch said. "I had to get rid of it."

Which is exactly what she did.

"I kicked it off and nearly hit one of the finishing line judges," Lynch said. "This was the first time this had ever happened. I just had to keep going."

Just like the Energizer bunny, Lynch kept on going, finishing first in the race with a time of 10:01.22 — one shoe on, one shoe off — at the Wildcat Invitational in Lexington.

It was one highlight of the weekend, along with three school records being set.

Junior Laura Wesseling's 7.86 seconds was a new Western record in the women's 60-meter dash. She finished ninth overall. Wesseling, who had hernia repair surgery just four weeks ago, drew praise from coach Curtiss Long.

"Laura Wesseling's performance was really exceptional under the circumstances," Long said.

Another record was broken by junior Rod Smart and senior Bryan Daniel, crossovers from Western's football team. Both tied in the 60-meters with a record time of 6.95 seconds.

"That was my first time coming out of the blocks," Daniel said. "I have things I still need to work on. It was my first time running since football, so I should progress."

Long also gave praise to senior Shawn Evans, a shot putter, and senior Erik Jenkins, a sprinter and long jumper.

Evans finished fourth in the shot put competition with a distance of 16.93 feet. He now

holds the second-best throw in the Sun Belt conference.

Junior Derek White was the only Topper to finish ahead of Jenkins in the long jump. White jumped 22 feet, 9 inches and finished third. Jenkins jumped 21 feet, 8.75 inches to claim eighth place.

"In my opinion, we've got one of the best teams since I've been here," Jenkins said. "We've got a lot more potential and a lot more depth."

Long was pleased with the work ethic of his team over the holidays. The results of the first meet since Christmas break were evidence of the individual athletes' dedication.

"Anytime you go on Christmas vacation and come back at or above where you were, you know the kids are working hard," Long said. "We're just going to play hard, not worry about our record, and be ready for the conference championships."

Shoeless or not, Western will be competing Saturday at the Southeast Missouri Invitational in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Then the evidence could be strengthened even more.

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| Men's swimming | 12-0 | Saturday at Western Illinois |
| Women's swimming | 10-1 | Saturday at Western Illinois |

HOPE! Madness doesn't sound too crazy after all

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on. The Toppers have people who can score, but they don't have any scorers.

That's a big difference, you know.

So Western has a future. It appears that, eventually, Felton will make good on all his promises, the biggest being to bring the Hilltopper program back to a level where it will be a stable, dominant program for many years.

"I'm not at all surprised," Felton said of Western's recent success. "When you deal with good people, work hard and

have character, good things are bound to happen.

"We knew we'd learn to compete."

Last Saturday, freshman guard Derek Robinson was talking about a Sun Belt championship this season, which is a scary thought.

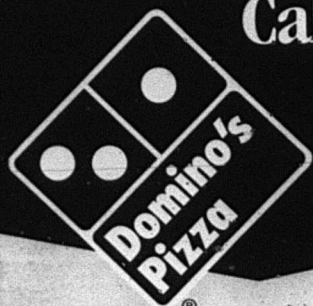
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